

January 26, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the expenditure of \$225 for registration for three (3) Members from the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections to attend the Aviva Family and Children's Services' 22nd Annual Conference on "Critical Issues of Adolescence" to be held Thursday, February 16, 2006, in Studio City, California.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Aviva Family and Children's Services' Annual Conference was created to enlighten professionals and caregivers in the Child Services field by providing pertinent keynote speakers and timely seminar topics on the issues that face those County agencies and individuals who are charged with the care and welfare of out-of-home care children, and to provide a vehicle by which these agencies and individuals can interact, network and support their mutual goals.

JUSTIFICATION

As mandated by your Board, the Commission works closely with the Department of Children and Family Services, Probation Department, and the Auditor-Controller's Office to monitor and ensure the safety and well being of juveniles placed in County Group and Foster Care Homes, and Juvenile Probation Camps. Current information on the ever changing problems faced by today's out-of-home care youth, both psychologically and societal, is essential to the understanding and support of these children. Attending this Conference each year has allowed the Commission to not only increase its knowledge of issues that affect youth and to network with other County agencies, but has also provided the opportunity to facilitate a continuing dialogue and share information with agencies and individuals with whom they would normally not come into contact.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING

The total County expenditure would not exceed \$225 and would cover the cost of Conference registration. Financing would be covered by funds from the Executive Office - Board of Supervisors' budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENT

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR R. MONTANO
Chairperson

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller